

Eugene O'Neill House, Shop and Incinerator  
(Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site,  
Tao House)  
Kuss Road  
Danville vicinity  
Contra Costa County  
California

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Location: Kuss Road, Danville vicinity, Contra Costa County, California.

Situation: These two small structures are side by side and located to the northwest of Tao House, near the citrus grove and on the edge of the plowed field which overlooks the water storage pond further west. The small building's purpose is unknown; it has been thought to be a potting shed, a tack room or a shop. The purpose of the incinerator is unmistakable.

Roof: The shop has a gable roof and a corrugated metal finish which appears to be in good condition. It is supported on rafters with shaped ends at the eaves. The roof has been painted green. One side of the gable was supported on posts which are missing. The only support for that portion of the roof is a single 4 by 4 at midpoint of the span. The incinerator has no roof.

Walls: The shop walls are horizontal siding painted white and had been previously painted green. The walls are generally in good condition, with one or two places which need repair or replacement. The shop walls enclose an unfinished rectangular interior space which is 8 feet by 16 feet. The incinerator walls are concrete blocks and they rest on a concrete foundation, as does the shop.

Floor: The shop has a wood floor which is 1 foot 10 inches above the front brick pavement or what remains of a terrace that was located at grade.

Other: There are small, two over two, wood double-hung sashes on each end of the shop building. On the incinerator, there is a square stack at one corner which projects several feet above the main body of the incinerator.

Doors: There are a pair of in-swinging wood doors at one end of the main face and a single door at the other end, and neither has a step up to it. The pair of doors may have served as a sort of loading dock. It is assumed the single door had steps. However, there is no special evidence to verify that.

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